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Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

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MINUTES

November 19, 2002

Attending

JLARC MEMBERS: Senator Kevin G. Miller, Chairman; Delegate Lacey E. Putney, Vice Chairman; Delegate Vincent F. Callahan; Senator John H. Chichester; Delegate M. Kirkland Cox; Delegate Frank D. Hargrove, Sr.; Delegate Johnny S. Joannou; Delegate Dwight C. Jones; Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.; Delegate Harry J. Parrish; Senator Walter A. Stosch; Delegate Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., Mr. Walter J. Kucharski, Ex Officio.

JLARC Staff: Phil Leone, Kirk Jonas, Glen Tittermary, Bob Rotz, John Long, Greg Rest, Walt Smiley, Linda Ford, Kimberly Sarte, Eric Messick, Kelly Bowman Gent, Paula Lambert, Wendy Brown, Christine Wolfe, Sandra Wright, Ashley Colvin, Joan Irby, Becky Torrence.

Others: The Honorable Robert S. Bloxom; The Honorable Michael J. Schewel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Dr. G. Worthy Pegram, Jr., Chairman, Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission; James Brookshire, William Barnard, Clement Pruitt, Paul Burnette, Lorraine Smith, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Staff; Paul Berge, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission; Delores Esser, Commissioner, Mike Worthington, Policy and Planning Director, Jim Edinburger, Virginia Employment Commission; Joan Powers, Director of Workforce Services, Katherine DeRosear, Director for Workforce Policy, Virginia Community College System; Elizabeth Hawa, Director of Education for Independence Program, Department of Education; Jennifer Nolen, Director of Virginia Apprenticeship Program, Department of Labor and Industry; Chris Spanos, Virginia League of Social Services Regulations; Bill Axselle, Center for Employment and Training; Daniel Oney, Senate Finance Committee Staff; Anne Oman, House Appropriations Committee Staff.

Chairman Miller called the meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Phil Leone.

Mr. Leone noted one cost-cutting measure undertaken by staff was taking advantage of new printing equipment available in the Division of Legislative Automated Systems resulting in a 30% decrease in the cost of printing the two Commission Drafts for the meeting.

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Mr. Leone then gave a brief overview of the Agenda (Enclosure 1) and stated the first item was a presentation by Glen Tittermary on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Mr. Leone expressed appreciation to members of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commission and local officials from Accomack and Northampton counties for their assistance with the study. He then turned the meeting over to Glen Tittermary, project leader.

Mr. Tittermary directed the Commission's attention to the Briefing Package located under Tab A (Enclosure 2) and recognized other members of the study team: Daniel Oney, a former JLARC staff member presently working for the Senate Finance Committee, and Wendy Thomas.

Chairman Miller thanked Mr. Tittermary for his presentation and recognized Dr. G. Worthy Pegram, Jr., Chairman, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commission.

Dr. Pegram responded briefing to the study findings and reported the Commission would be meeting on December 7, 2002, at which time the majority of their agenda would include information received as a result of the study. Dr. Pegram expressed appreciation to Mr. Tittermary and other members of the study team for their professionalism in conducting the study.

Following several questions from members of the Commission, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to receive the Commission Draft, Future of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (Enclosure 3), and authorize it for printing and distribution.

Mr. Leone presented some background information regarding the Workforce Training Program and reported Secretary Schewel, schedule permitting, would be speaking to the study. He then turned the meeting over to Kelly Bowman Gent, project leader.

Ms. Gent recognized other members of the study team: Joan Irby, Paula Lambert and Wendy Brown and directed the Commission's attention to the Briefing Package located under Tab B (Enclosure 4).

Following several questions from the Commission, Chairman Miller recognized Secretary Schewel who responded to the study findings and reported general agreement with the report.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to receive the Commission Draft, Review of Workforce Training in Virginia (Enclosure 5), and authorize it for printing and distribution.

Delegate Wardrup asked if a letter had been received from the Tax Department regarding JLARC recommendations. Mr. Leone stated a letter had not been received. The Commission directed Mr. Leone to contact the Tax Department requesting a response.

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Mr. Leone reported the next meeting would be held on Monday, December 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and would be a 4-5 hour meeting. Staff will be making presentations on the following topics: Information Technology, Charitable Gaming Commission, Education Best Practices (Interim Report), Prescription Drugs and VRS Status Report.

The Commission rose at 12:45 p.m.

Approved by:


Philip A. Leone, Director

Date:

November 21, 2002

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